

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
October 29, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

A Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut, will be held at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169 in the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut on October 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss and vote on the following:

- 1. To choose a Moderator.**
- 2. To consider the following ordinance:**

**Town of Woodstock
Ordinance Establishing for the Regulation of Bingo Games
Adopted: October , 2019
Effective: Upon Passage**

Section 1. Bingo authorized

Bingo shall be legal in the Town of Woodstock in accordance with the Connecticut state statutes governing such games, including without limitation Conn. Gen. Stat. §§7-169 et seq., as the same may be amended from time to time. Effective upon the adoption of this ordinance, the First Selectman will be responsible for the permitting and enforcement of all bingo games. In addition, the First Selectman will be responsible for receiving and monitoring the post event reporting by the organization.

Section 2. Bingo Registration Process

Bingo registrations may be issued to qualifying non-profit organizations by the First Selectman. Registration forms are available on the Town's website or at the First Selectman's office. The registration form and proof of eligibility shall be submitted to the Office of the First Selectman and the fees shall be submitted to the Town Clerk. Qualified entities may apply for any of the following bingo permits:

Weekly – annual permit

Monthly – annual permit

Temporary Single Event – only allowed 2 per year

Senior organizations consisting of members 60 years and older – permit for each event

Parent Teacher Organizations – annual permit

Individual operators are required to submit a PIN Operator Registration form with the First Selectman prior to operating a bingo. All PIN Operator Registrations previously approved by the State of Connecticut remain in effect. Individual operators must provide State documentation to the First Selectman.

Section 3. Bingo Permit Fees

Bingo registration forms shall be accompanied with the fee as outlined in the table below:

Registration Class	Permit Fee
Class A	\$ 75.00
Class B	\$ 10.00 per day
Class C	\$ 50.00

Payment shall be made payable to “Town of Woodstock” and paid to the Town Clerk prior to submitting the registration forms to the First Selectman.

Section 4. Bingo Financial Returns

For Class A and Class C permits, a financial return shall be filed with the Finance Office by the organization at the end of each quarter. Financial returns are due by the last day of the month following the close of the quarter (i.e. April 30th, July 31st, October 31st, January 31st). Financial returns must include payment of the 5% of the net profit for each bingo event. Payment shall be made payable to the “Town of Woodstock”. Financial returns must be submitted to the Finance Office on or before the due date.

For Class B permits, a financial return shall be filed with the Finance Office by the organization at the completion of the bingo event. The financial return must be submitted within 10 days, provide the pertinent event information including the gross receipts, prizes awarded and net profit. Financial returns must include payment of 5% of the net profit for the bingo event. Payment shall be made payable to the "Town of Woodstock". Financial returns must be submitted to the Finance Office on or before the due date.

Section 5. Revocation of Bingo Permits

The First Selectman shall have the authority to investigate potential violations of this ordinance and the applicable state statutes and, in his or her discretion, to protect the public welfare, may immediately suspend or revoke any permit issued under this Section and to order that the person holding such permit cease and desist from the actions constituting any such violation. Any person aggrieved by such order shall have the right to appeal such decision as provided by state statute. In the event the First Selectman revokes a permit issued pursuant to this Section, no bingo permit shall be issued to such permittee for a period of one year after the date of such revocation.

Section 6. Penalties for offenses

Failure of any organization to file the required permit application, PIN registration or financial return shall be in violation of this ordinance. Any organization violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000 and revocation of permit or PIN by the First Selectman or any other official authorized and empowered to enforce ordinances of the Town of Woodstock.

3. To Consider the Following Ordinance Amendment:

ORDINANCE CREATING A CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Adopted: February 14, 1968

AMENDMENT V: CONSERVATION COMMISSION ORDINANCE

By deleting "and who shall hold no salaried town office" in Paragraph 1

Adopted: October , 2019

Effective: November , 2019

The Commission shall be composed of eleven (11) members and three (3) alternate members who shall be electors of Woodstock, residing in said town and who shall hold no salaried town office, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. (The full text of this Ordinance is available in the Office of the Town Clerk.)

This amendment shall become effective fifteen days after publication thereof in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Woodstock.

4. To Adjourn.

Dated at Woodstock, Connecticut, this 17 day of October, 2019

Woodstock Board of Selectmen

/s/Michael L. Alberts, First Selectman

/s/Chandler Paquette, Selectman

/s/Frank Olah, Selectman

/s/Judy E. Walberg, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
RETURN OF NOTICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT on October 17, 2019 I left a duplicate of the attached warning and notice of the Special Town Meeting of the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut, with Judy E. Walberg, its' Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the Norwich Bulletin, a newspaper having substantial circulation in said Town, on October 22, 2019

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT on October 17, 2019, I caused to be set upon the Legal Notice Board, a written copy of said warning and notice signed by the Selectmen.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT all of the above acts were done at least five days before the holding of said meeting on October 29, 2019.

Michael L. Alberts, First Selectman

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing Notice and Return of Notice are duly recorded in the records of the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut.

Judy E. Walberg, Town Clerk